not a single construction has been made by them nor they are returning money to public; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the action taken/ proposed against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) M/s Buildmore India Limited had filed its last return of income for assessment year 1998-99 on 8th June, 1999 with the Deputy Commissioner of Income tax, Company Circle 1(5), New Delhi.

Skipper Corner is the name of a building located at 88, Nehru Place, and the premises of Skipper Corner are sold to and occupied by different persons Not being as assessable entity, it is not required to file Income tax returns.

(c) No such discrepancies have been found in the returns of income.

(d) Notices for filing of income tax returns for assessment years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 have been issued to M/s Buildmore India Limited. The matter is being pursued by the tax authorities.

Development of tourist circuits

*588. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to develop three tourist circuits through foreign agencies;

(b) if so, what are the names of three circuits and by when the work on their development is likely to commence; and

(c) the work which will be entrusted to foreign agencies?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, during the 10th Five Year Plan the Department of Tourism, Government of India proposes to identify six travel circuits in the country on annual basis and develop them to international standards. During the Annual Plan 2002-03, an amount of Rs. 41.50 crores has been earmarked for the integrated development of six circuits. These circuits are to be finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments.

(c) There is no proposal to entrust the development of these tourist circuits to foreign agencies.

Geetha Krishnan Committee Report on expenditure reforms

*589. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the broad features of the Geetha Krishnan Committee Report on expenditure reforms;

(b) whether it has *inter-alia* recommended reduction of staff in C and D categories while it has been liberal in having more official orientation in various Ministries/Departments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Expenditure Reforms Commission has submitted in all 10 reports covering 36 Ministries/Departments. The main features of the recommendations are rationalisation and optimization of Government staff strength, review of food and fertilizers subsidies and review of autonomous institutions.

(b) and (c) The Commission has gone into the question of restructuring of the Ministries/Departments specifically reviewed by it, keeping in view the changing and emerging role of Government and other relevant factors and has made suggestions for right sizing at all levels of Groups "A", "B", "C" and "D". The ERC has further observed in their Concluding Paper titled "Task Ahead" that the share of the Groups "C" and "D", especially at the support level, is as disproportionately high at 92% of the total strength. The Commission has suggested that there is need as well as feasibility for reduction in the number of such support staff, in view of vast advances in communication facilities and induction of IT facilities in Government officers. The Commission has, however, recognised that in the field formations and operational units, the proportion of employees in Groups 'C' & 'D' staff could be somewhat higher than in other organisations. The Commission has, therefore, recommended that the requirement of support staff at different levels in such operational units would need to be re-determined with reference to the changes in activity requirement and work procedures, increasing use of IT facilities, etc. The thrust of the